

**Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging  
Supplemental State Funds Expenditures  
Calendar Year 2007  
January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007**

5,476 seniors served at a cost of \$2.8 million, an average of \$511.32 per person

<b>County</b>	<b># of seniors served from January – December 2007 with State Supplemental Funding</b>	<b>County</b>	<b># of seniors served from January – December 2007 with State Supplemental Funding</b>
Abbeville	39	Greenwood	115
Aiken	475	Hampton	67
Allendale	34	Horry	139
*Anderson	102	Jasper	113
Bamberg	43	Kershaw	108
Barnwell	48	Lancaster	86
Beaufort	81	Laurens	102
Berkeley	122	Lee	28
Calhoun	84	Lexington	139
Charleston	211	McCormick	170
Cherokee	115	Marion	56
Chester	79	Marlboro	28
Chesterfield	81	Newberry	54
Clarendon	92	*Oconee	101
Colleton	61	Orangeburg	135
Darlington	200	Pickens	122
Dillon	110	Richland	69
Dorchester	89	Saluda	63
Edgefield	30	Spartanburg	498
Fairfield	49	Sumter	463
Florence	157	Union	125
Georgetown	115	Williamsburg	51
Greenville	87	York	140

\* Anderson and Oconee counties are served by a single agency.

Lt. Governor André Bauer has written each of the 5,476 recipients, asking for their evaluation of services.

All will have received a survey form by February 2008.

The survey responses to date indicate:

96.4% thought the quality of the service was very satisfactory or satisfactory

98.6% thought the service met their needs

88.2% thought the service helped them stay at home

The Lt. Governor's Office on Aging has also reviewed its AIM reporting information system for a profile of the services provided South Carolina's seniors.

**Findings:**

- 52% are receiving home delivered meals
- 24% are receiving congregate (group) meals
- 9% are receiving home care/home living support
- 6% are receiving transportation
- 1% are receiving adult day care/respite services
- 5% are receiving other services

Of the 5,476 seniors receiving the new home and community based services we see the following:

- 54% are nutritionally at risk
- 91% lack support (needs help or someone to check on them during evacuation or disaster, needs caregiver assistance or lives alone)
- 53% have incomes less than the federal poverty level
- 49% live alone
- 62% live in rural areas
- 55% are 75 and older
- 20% are 85 and older
- 25% are between 60 and 74

**Permanent Funding of \$2.9 Million is Priority for This Year**

Priority of Lt. Governor André Bauer, Lt. Governor's Office on Aging, AARP SC, and Silver Haired Legislature

History of program: \$2.9 million in supplemental funding authorized in state budget that began July 1, 2006 but supplemental funds could not be released until November 2006. Funds were to be spent in calendar year 2007.

In the interim, 10 Area Agencies on Aging prepared regional plans and arranged funding for county programs.

Program was planned, implemented and evaluated within one year.

No administration funds were withheld at either the state or regional level: 97% of the \$2.9 million supplemental appropriation was used to purchase services at the local level during calendar year 2007; the remaining 3% will be spent for local services during January-June 2008.

The Legislature authorized an additional \$1.4 million in supplemental funds in state budget that began July 1, 2007. These funds were not available until November 2007, and will be spent in the six months from January through June 2008. Less than \$100,000 remaining from the original \$2.9 million and the \$1.4 million in new supplementary funds will be spent for local services during January-June 2008.

All funding will be exhausted by June 30, 2008. If the Legislature supports Lt. Governor Bauer's budget request for \$2.9 million in permanent funding for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2008, programs will continue through 2008 and 2009. Another round of supplementary funding means the program would have to halt between July and November, when the supplemental funds would be released.